

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Upon entry of the above amendment, the Abstract of the Disclosure will have been amended, and claims 1-13 will have been amended to clarify the recitations thereof without narrowing the scope of the claims.

In view of the above, Applicant respectfully request reconsideration of the outstanding objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure in the present application. Such action is respectfully requested and is now believed to be appropriate and proper.

Initially, Applicant would like to express his appreciation to the Examiner for the detailed Official Action provided, and for acknowledging Applicant's claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 as well as receipt of the certified copies of the priority documents, upon which the claim for priority is based.

Applicant further notes with appreciation the Examiner's acknowledgment of Applicant's Information Disclosure Statement filed in the present application on April 17, 2002 by the return of the initialed and signed PTO-1449 Form, and for consideration of the documents cited in the Information Disclosure Statement.

Turning to the merits of the action, the Examiner has objected to the Abstract of the Disclosure because of informalities. By the present amendment, Applicant has amended the Abstract of the Disclosure to correct the errors, according to the suggestions of the Examiner. Thus, Applicant respectfully

requests that the Examiner withdraw the objection to the Abstract of the Disclosure.

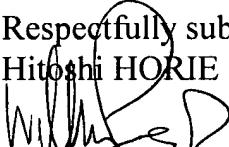
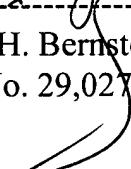
Further, Applicant notes that Applicant has amended the language of claims 1-6 to eliminate “step of” terminology. Applicant has further revised all the claims for greater clarity as well as to ensure full compliance with English language, idiom, syntax, and grammar and without narrowing the scope of claims.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding objection of the Abstract of the Disclosure.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION

Applicant has made a sincere effort to place the present application in condition for allowance and believes that he has now done so. Applicant has amended the Abstract of the Disclosure and claims 1-13 for consideration by the Examiner. With respect to the amended claims, Applicant has revised language thereof to eliminate "step of" and similar terminology as well as to improve the form thereof, without narrowing the scope of the claims. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the outstanding objection of the Abstract of the Disclosure and entry of the amendments of claims 1-13.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding this Response, or the present application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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